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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED **EXAMINATION** (RCE) **RANSMITTAL** APR 1 2 2005 Address to: **MS RCE** ommissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/997,228
Filing Date	November 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	JOFFE ET AL.
Group Art Unit	2644
Examiner Name	W. BRINEY, III
Attorney Docket Number	72129

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. 8	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a	Previously submitted
	i. X Consider the Amendment After Final under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on March 10, 2005
	(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
	ii Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
	iii Other
b	Enclosed
	i Amendment/Reply
	ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
	iii Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
	iv Other
а	Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) Other
	ees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 when the RCE is filed)
	Checks in the amount of \$ is enclosed.
	The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any discrepancies in fee amounts to Deposit Acct. No. 01-0484.
С	X Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).
	i. X \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
	ii Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.137 and 1.17) iii Other
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	I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS PAPER OR FEE IS BEING  Respectfully Submitted,
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